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TRUMP BOASTS HE HAS MORE INDIAN SUPPORT THAN KAMALA

"She is of Indian heritage. I have more Indians than she has," the US president told a gathering in New York on Friday night

DON AT UNEASE OVER BIDEN'S PICK?

Analysts say Biden's choice of Indian-origin Kamala Harris as his running mate has put Trump at unease, especially given the cheer it evoked from the Indian community in the US. Trump has often highlighted his support among Indian-Americans. Last month, he thanked the community after polls showed them backing him over Biden in some battleground states

NEW COALITIONS LAUNCHED TO WOO DESIS

- Trump's re-election campaign on Friday launched four new coalitions seeking to boost the President's appeal to Indian-American, Sikh, Muslim and other South Asian communities
- The coalitions will engage community members to fight against Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' "socialist agenda", a statement said

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INDIAN-AMERICANS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER U.S. POLLS

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PM stresses on self-reliant India

Says 'vocal for local' mantra is the best way to raise country's share in world economy

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

MAKING a strong pitch towards self-reliance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the "mindset of a free India should be vocal for local". Through the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the country is shifting its focus from 'Make in India' to 'Make for world', the PM added.

Addressing the nation on the country's 74th Independence Day, Modi said, "It is necessary for us to make India self-reliant. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, Indians must resolve to become self-reliant. This is not just a word, but a mantra for the people."

Explaining the concept, Modi said, "We should appreciate our local products. If we don't do this, our products will not get the opportunity to do better and will not get encouraged."

Giving the example of N-95 masks, personal protective equipment and ventilators, he said when Covid-19 broke out, India hardly had any production of the items. But Indian entrepreneurs responded to the need of the times and they not only met the domestic demand, but exported them.

"India's share in the world economy should increase for which we have to be self-reliant," he added.

Modi sought to allay the concerns of economists that India, by resorting to imposing import duties and putting items in the restrictive list, was going back to the pre-1991 era of license-permit raj.

"When we talk about becoming self-reliant, we do not merely refer to decreasing the import demands," he said, but stressed that India cannot continue exporting raw material only for them to return as finished products.

Modi said while the country is striving for economic growth and self-reliance, development must go hand-in-hand with humanity. "India has always believed the entire world is one family. While we focus on economic growth and development, humanity must retain a central role in this process and our journey," he said.

The PM said global firms were looking at India as a major investment destination, which is reflected in an 18% jump in foreign direct investment last financial year. He credited the slew of reforms and legislative and administrative changes for this.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

Development will guide 'Kalyana Rajya' goal: CM

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IN his first public appearance after recovering from Covid-19, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said the government is facing challenges on multiple fronts – the pandemic, the economic slowdown and floods. But life is slowly returning to normal with economic activities picking up, he said in his Independence Day address at the Manekshaw Parade Grounds here.

Yediyurappa said the aim is to build a 'Kalyana Rajya' (welfare state) with the principle of development as the only mantra. "We are taking giant strides towards realising Mahatma Gandhi's dream of building a 'Ram Rajya' and will practise 'Raj dharma' in true earnest," the CM said.

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J&K ELECTIONS

POLLS IN U.T. AFTER DELIMITATION IS COMPLETE: PM

Prime Minister Modi announced that elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be held as soon as the delimitation process in the Union Territory gets over.

BREAKING TABOO

LOW-COST NAPKINS FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The PM, breaking a taboo, said under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra' scheme, the Centre is giving sanitary napkins at ₹1 to help women.

HEALTH FOR ALL

DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION UNVEILED

The National Digital Health Mission has been rolled out, under which every citizen will get a health ID to ease access to medical services.

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iPhone manufacturer to hire 10,000 staff at Kolar facility, to start production soon

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AFTER the economy went on a downward spiral due to the Covid-induced lockdown, leading to large-scale job losses, some green shoots are now beginning to show. Taiwan-based Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing (India) Pvt Ltd, one of the main contract manufacturers of Apple devices, is expected to start commercial production of the popular iPhone at its Narasapura plant in Kolar district in the coming days. In preparation for this, the company has already started hiring activities.

Wistron announced its plans in 2017 and was allotted 43 acres by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) in Narasapura of Kolar district, about 70 km from Bengaluru. It had earlier said it will be investing around ₹3,000 crore on the project. The company presently has a facility at Peenya in Bengaluru, where iPhones are being assembled.

The manufacturing facility in Kolar is expected to generate around 10,000 jobs. As per the Karnataka Industrial Policy, 70 per cent of jobs should be given to locals. Accordingly, at least 7,000 people from Karnataka are expected to get jobs here. The company is believed to have already recruited about 2,000 people so far.

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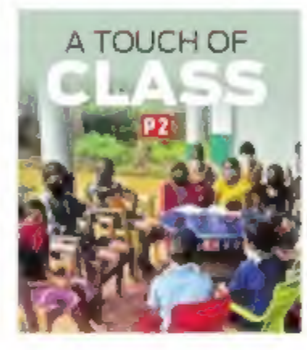
Song and speechless: Dhoni's Insta way to end instant cricket

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

SIXTEEN words. That's all it took for MS Dhoni to bid farewell to his international career on *Instagram*. It's a career that has seen the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. It's a career that has seen him being treated like the Gods, with fans garlanding him. It's also a career that has seen the public attack his house in Ranchi on at least two occasions.

It began in 2004, when Indian cricket, in search of new heroes, was subconsciously moving away from the metros.

If the whirlwind 148 against Pakistan five months later was the teaser, the unbeaten 183 against Sri Lanka in 2006 was the feature film. Dhoni, with the rockstar hair, and a swagger to match a Bond villain, had arrived. On Saturday, the only captain to win all four ICC trophies bowed out the way he came in — out of the blue. **PTI**



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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka

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